

## CLAIMS

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) A method for detecting an error in a transmission in an ultra-wideband communications system, the transmission including a plurality of frames, comprising the steps of:

transmitting a frame of the transmission, the frame including a positive timing window and a negative timing window, the frame including a bipolar pulse pair, the bipolar pulse pair including a positive pulse and a negative pulse;

generating the negative pulse to have an amplitude and a pulse width equal to an amplitude and a pulse width of the positive pulse;

positioning the positive pulse in the positive timing window and the negative pulse in the negative timing window, the position of the negative pulse in the negative timing window corresponding to the position of the positive pulse in the positive timing window;

receiving the positive pulse and the negative pulse;

before receiving a complete transmission, correlating the received positive pulse with the received negative pulse in determining whether a correlation error has occurred in the transmission of the positive pulse;

after receiving at least one positive pulse and at least one negative pulse, determining a data type of the ultra-wideband transmission and calculating an error rate for the ultra-wideband transmission;

if the calculated error rate is less than a Typical Minimum Acceptable Bit Error Rate (TMABER), then sending the ultra-wideband transmission to a desired destination;

if the calculated error rate is greater than the TMABER and less than a Maximum Bit Error Rate For Correction (MBERFC), then error correcting the ultra-wideband transmission before sending the ultra-wideband transmission to the desired destination; and

if the calculated error rate is greater than the MBERFC, then requesting the re-transmission of the ultra-wideband transmission.

12. (Previously presented) A method for encoding and decoding an ultra-wideband transmission, comprising the steps of:

transmitting an ultra-wideband pulse train including a plurality of bipolar pulse pairs, each bipolar pulse pair including a positive pulse and a negative pulse, each bipolar pulse pair being disposed in a frame, the frame including a positive timing window and a negative timing window;

generating the negative pulse to have an amplitude and a pulse width equal to an amplitude and a pulse width of the positive pulse;

positioning the positive pulse in the positive timing window and the negative pulse in the negative timing window, the position of the positive pulse in the positive timing window encoding information within the frame, the position of the negative pulse in the negative timing window corresponding to the position of the positive pulse in the positive timing window;

receiving the positive pulse and the negative pulse;

before completely receiving the ultra-wideband pulse train, correlating the received positive pulse with the received negative pulse in determining whether a correlation error has occurred in the transmission of the received bipolar pulse pair;

counting the number of correlation errors in a portion of the ultra-wideband transmission;

if the number of correlation errors exceeds a particular threshold, then requesting the re-transmission of the ultra-wideband transmission;

after completely receiving the ultra-wideband pulse train, determining a data type of the ultra-wideband transmission and calculating an error rate for the ultra-wideband transmission;

if the calculated error rate is less than a Typical Minimum Acceptable Bit Error Rate (TMABER), then sending the ultra-wideband transmission to a desired destination;

if the calculated error rate is greater than the TMABER and less than a Maximum Bit Error Rate For Correction (MBERFC), then error correcting the ultra-wideband transmission before sending the ultra-wideband transmission to the desired destination; and

if the calculated error rate is greater than the MBERFC, then requesting the re-transmission of the ultra-wideband transmission.